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GOVERNOR COMMUTES FRANK SENTENCE

Atlantans Greatly Wrought Up Over Decision

PRISONER HURRIED TO STATE FARM

Gov. John M. Slaton Commutes Sentence of Leo M. Frank on the Eve of Execution. Militia Called Out to Protect Governor From Mobs.

Atlanta, Ga., June 22.—While two battalions of state militia and a troop of Governor's horse guards were still on guard at Governor Slaton's country estate, quiet prevailed both there and in Atlanta this morning and there was no indication of a repetition of the exciting scenes of yesterday and last night, which followed the announcement of the commutation of Leo Frank's death sentence.

In the city beer saloons were allowed to reopen this morning. There were no crowds on the streets. At the governor's home it was stated that the militia probably would be withdrawn tonight.

Troops were called to the governor's country home last night when a crowd of several hundred men and boys marched there and made a demonstration against the governor's action in the Frank case.

Three militiamen were slightly hurt by bottles and bricks thrown. The crowd dispersed about midnight. No shots were fired.

Atlanta, Ga., June 21.—Governor Slaton tonight called up the State militia to protect his country home, near this city, after several hundred men and boys had attempted to enter the estate through the front gates, which had been barricaded by barbed-wire entanglements, and had threatened to overpower the twenty county policemen, armed with riot guns, who were on guard. The demonstration was a protest against the governor's decision today in commuting the sentence of Leo M. Frank, to life imprisonment.

Upon arrival of sixty militiamen from Atlanta, who had been held under arms for emergencies, the Governor proclaimed martial law in a district extending half a mile in the front and rear of his residence and about a quarter of a mile on either side.

When the militiamen lined up with fixed bayonets to disperse the crowd, stones, bricks and bottles were thrown at them. A brick struck Lieut. Arnold Parker in the stomach and rendered him unconscious for a short time. A bottle, thrown at Private W. W. Foote, struck his gun and cut his hand. The commanding officer, Major Cheron, was struck by a stone, as were several of the men.

The governor proclaimed martial law at 11 o'clock and by midnight the crowd had practically been dispersed. There was no firing.

A telephone message from Milledgeville, where the State prison is located, said that trouble was feared there tonight and asked that the governor order out the Milledgeville company of militia. The governor told his informant that such a request would have to come from the sheriff of Baldwin county.

At midnight, however, the sheriff had not requested troops.

The governor was surrounded in his home by about a dozen friends, nearly everyone of whom was armed with a rifle or pistol. The unexpected arrival of a member of the family at a dark corner of the front porch caused the governor himself to hastily pick up a large pistol.

In front of the governor's house were more than 100 automobiles filled with persons evident there to see what the crowd would do. The troops had great difficulty in clearing the road of these machines and many of their orders were met with the retort of "shoot."

Early tonight the principal streets were crowded with men and boys and crowds gathered on many corners. A large force of patrolmen paced back and forth along Marietta street, which was a centre for the throngs. There was no indication, however, of serious trouble.

About 8:30 several hundred men started a march through the streets and finally halted at Peachtree and

MRS. LOU BARKSDALE DIAL,

Died at Her Home in Chestnut Ridge Section Saturday Afternoon.

The funeral of Mrs. Lou Barksdale Dial, who died at her home in the Chestnut Ridge section Saturday, was held Sunday afternoon at the Highland Home burying ground, Rev. H. L. Baggott conducting the services. A large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives followed the body to its last resting place.

Mrs. Dial was the widow of the late Allen Dial and was in the 84th year of her life. There were no children of the union, but several children of relatives were reared by them. One of these, a nephew, Mr. Nat Austin, with his family, lived with Mrs. Dial at the time of her death.

Mrs. Dial was a life-long member of the Baptist church and took much interest in its affairs. In her death her community loses one who was always interested in spiritual and material well-being.

Meeting of Junior Relief

The Junior Circle, Belgian Relief committee, will meet this afternoon at the home of Miss Rosalie Franks at 6 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Acts of 1915 Ready.

Clerk of Court Power has received the Acts for 1915 and will be glad to hand them to each township magistrate who calls for them.

Hospital Patients Doing Well.

The corps of nurses at the Julia Irby sanitarium and physicians attending the patients have been kept busy during the past few days looking after the comfort and welfare of those under their care. Reports from those in the hospital are very encouraging.

Mrs. H. L. Blakeley, who underwent an operation several days ago, is improving rapidly.

Mrs. Jim Crow, of Watts Mills, operated upon for appendicitis, is doing well.

Mr. Connor Fuller, who underwent a very delicate operation for appendicitis, is said to be out of danger unless complications set in.

Mrs. Ross D. Young is much better. Miss Mary June Fuller, suffering from a dislocated hip, is said to be better.

Miss Clara Arnold, brought to the hospital Monday night for an operation, stood the ordeal well and is getting along fine.

Base Ball Saturday.

The Laurens mill and Lydia mill teams will play on the Laurens mill ball grounds Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The game played by these two teams last Saturday afternoon resulted in a victory for the Lydia aggregation, but the Laurens boys expect to strengthen their line-up this time and turn the tables. A fast and snappy game is expected.

A Big Barbecue.

What the advance notices describe as a "big tri-county barbecue and educational rally" will be given at Zarlins Island, near Honea Path, Saturday, July 3rd. It is claimed that this will be the largest gathering in this section of the state. People from Anderson, Abbeville and Laurens counties are invited. It is stated that the speakers for the occasion will be President Currell, of the University of S. C., Pres. Moffatt, of Erskine, Editor W. P. Greene, of Abbeville, Mrs. Mary Hemphill Greene and Gov. R. I. Manning.

Auto Truck Arrives.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Company are now delivering their goods in the latest improved manner, via the auto-truck. The handsome new machine arrived last week and has attracted much attention since being put into service. It was bought through D. C. McLaurin, the Studebaker dealer, in this city.

Pine streets. The police then started to break up the gathering. "Come on, let's go out to Governor Slaton's," shouted several members of the crowd and a large number of men marched north, on Peachtree street, in the direction of the Governor's country home, which is several miles from the centre of the city. Members of the party declared they intended to make a call upon the governor. A number of county policemen were on guard at the governor's home.

To Deal in Electrics.

Mr. J. D. Maxwell, with headquarters in Philadelphia, was in the city Friday and closed a deal with Mr. N. B. Dial, president of the Reedy River Power Company, by which the power company will act as agents for the Milburn Light Electric, a lighter and less expensive electric car than has hitherto been on the market. Speaking of its fine points, Mr. Maxwell stated that, because of its lightness, it costs half, or less than half to operate. The usual excess weight and radically different designing and the use of better materials. He stated that cars for demonstration and sale will be here at an early date.

Teachers at Barksdale.

Mr. W. W. Yeargin, of Barksdale, was in the city yesterday and stated that the patrons of the Barksdale school are very much gratified in securing the services of Mrs. Mae Porter Owens and Miss Eva Shell as teachers for the year 1915-16. Both are competent and experienced teachers. The school will open October 4th.

Severe Wind Storm.

A portion of the upper section of the county was visited by a severe rain and wind storm Sunday afternoon which caused considerable damage to houses and trees. Several houses on Mrs. J. B. Owens' place were blown down and several also on the place of Mr. A. R. Owens. A large tree was blown over on the house of Mr. R. L. Smith causing considerable damage to it. There were other instances of minor damage in addition to that caused by the washing of the land.

Not in Standard Oil.

That the Gulf Refining Company is not a subsidiary corporation of the Standard Oil Company is stated on the authority of Elcheberger Bros., local representatives of the Gulf Refining Company, who wish the contrary impression corrected. Mr. Elcheberger states that the Gulf Refining Company belongs to the Mellon interests, of Pittsburg and is in no way connected with the Standard. He desires this statement made in view of some newspaper reports to the opposite effect.

TO GIVE MILITARY TRAINING.

Supt. B. L. Parkinson Announces Innovation in the Local High School. Superintendent B. L. Parkinson of the Laurens Graded Schools has begun preparations for inaugurating military training among the boys of the high school next year. With this end in view Mr. R. C. Hilton, a graduate of The Citadel has been elected a member of the high school faculty and he will have charge of this branch of the work. It has not been decided yet whether or not the boys will use uniforms but in all probability the first year the drill will be in citizens clothes. Requests have been made to Adj. Gen. Moore and to Secretary of War Garrison for use of government rifles.

New Bakery Opens.

The Laurens Bakery is the name of the new bakery which will open tomorrow in the stand formerly occupied by the Ideal Bakery, next to Switzer Company's store. E. C. Smith and W. J. Kite, two hustling young men with wide experience in the bakery business, will be managers. Mr. Smith will give most of his attention to the selling end of the business, while Mr. Kite will be in actual charge of the ovens. They state that they have come to stay and expect to "make good" by baking good bread in a clean place and dealing in a businesslike manner with their customers.

Chero Cola Plant Improved.

The bottling plant of the Chero Cola Bottling Company, A. H. Sanders, Prop., was improved a great deal last week by the installation of a modern bottle-washing machine, which sterilizes, rinses and drains 1,500 bottles in a single hour. This up-to-date machine was installed to keep pace with the rapidly increasing business of this progressive firm. Other improvements tending to make the plant clean and sanitary were made last summer, so Mr. Sanders considers that he now has an ideal place. He invites the public to call at the plant and see how the big new machine works and how the bottled drinks that he sells are bottled under cleanly and sanitary conditions.

TO CLOSE JULY 5TH.

Merchants of Laurens to Observe Holiday on the Fifth Instead of Fourth. The Fourth of July coming this year on Sunday the merchants of the city have decided to observe the day on Monday the fifth. The first petition carried around called for closing on the sixth but the Laurens Mill and a majority of the merchants desiring the fifth for the holiday, a second petition was carried around and was signed as follows:

"We the undersigned merchants of Laurens hereby agree to close our stores on Monday July 5th., to celebrate the Declaration of American Independence: (Signed)

"Minter Co., Moseley & Roland, Fleming Bros., Palmetto Bank, W. Solomon, Powe Drug Co., (conditional) hours; Laurens Drug Store, hours; Peoples Loan & Exchange Bank, Farmers Bank, H. Terry, Clardy & Wilson, Laurens National Bank, Todd-Simpson & Co., Leverett Furniture Co., Davis-Roper Co., Peoples Drug Store, hours; Dial Co., J. C. Shell & Co., W. G. Wilson & Co., R. W. Willis, R. C. Gray, Brooks Hardware Co., J. M. Philpot, J. H. Sullivan, Hunter Bros., Owings & Owings, Fowler & Owens, John A. Frank, A. L. Mahaffey, Switzer Co., Enterprise National Bank, Laurens Hardware Co., J. C. Burns & Co., Kennedy Bros.

TO ENJOIN BOND ISSUE.

Lawyers of Greenville to Enter Injunction Proceedings Against \$950,000 Road Bond Issue.

Greenville, June 21.—Well founded reports are to the effect that an injunction will be issued against the proposed issue of \$950,000 in bonds by Greenville county for the purpose of constructing roads. It is said authoritatively that an injunction restraining the county will be asked today, probably before Special Judge Ansel, provided he has jurisdiction in the case; if not, before some other judge as soon as possible.

Lewis W. Parker and O. K. Mauldin, it is said will represent that part of the county's populace who oppose the bond issue. These lawyers will attempt to show that the bond issue is unconstitutional. They will claim, it is understood that the eight per cent limit, placed by the constitution upon bonded indebtedness will be exceeded in case the \$950,000 bond issue is successful. Adding the \$90,000 borrowed by the county, in anticipation of taxes, to the bonds outstanding and to those which it is proposed to issue, those who oppose the bond issue for roads, claim that the limit will be exceeded.

Another point which may be raised is that the delegation has usurped authority which does not belong to it; that it has taken upon itself certain executive functions, when as a matter of constitutional limitation, the delegation has no power except the power of legislative functions.

This injunction, if it is successful, will mean a delay of several months in the road work. The matter must be heard in the courts of the State starting with the circuit court and then going to the State supreme court. The county will defend the issuance of bonds against the injunction which will be issued.

GREEK MEETS GREEK.

Austrian Submarine Attacks and Sinks Similar Craft of Italians.

Venice, Italy, June 18.—Details have been received here of the recent engagement in which an Austrian submarine sank an Italian submarine. This is the first time in naval history that an encounter between undersea boats has been recorded.

The Italian boat was the Medusa, with a displacement of 300 tons, a speed of 14 knots submerged and a crew of 14. She was lying submerged and the Austria boat was not far away, also under water. Neither had seen any intimation of the presence of the other.

The Medusa came to the surface first, swept the horizon with her periscope and finding the way clear, emerged. Shortly afterward the Austrian boat decided to come up. She sent up her periscope, and saw the Italian not far away and immediately attacked. One shot from her torpedo was sufficient to send the Medusa to the bottom.

One report is that an officer and four members of the crew of the Medusa escaped and were made prisoners by the Austrians.

COURT LASTED ONE DAY.

After Trying One Case and Accepting Several Pleas of Guilty Court Adjourned Monday Evening.

The court of general sessions, which convened Monday morning was a short-lived one, adjourning the same evening after several cases had been disposed of. Judge M. L. Smith of Camden, presided, this being his first visit to Laurens as a presiding judge. His charge to the grand jury Monday morning, dealing principally with good roads, education and law enforcement, made a strong impression upon those who heard it and many comments were made on it outside of court circles.

With the exception of one case, all the prisoners facing the court plead guilty. All of them were of a relatively minor character except one, that of the State vs Nathan Hudgens, colored, charged with burglary. He pleaded guilty and was given a life sentence. It will be remembered that he was the negro discovered in the home of Mr. Alfred McNinch several months ago by his daughter. He is a very young negro and consequently will be sent to the reformatory for some time before he begins his life term. Other cases heard, all with intent to kill, 18 months.

Jake Jones, plead guilty to assault being negroes, were as follows: his life term. Other cases heard, all with intent to kill, 18 months.

Atto Moore plead guilty on three counts to house-breaking and larceny, 5 years.

Nonnie Davis, larceny, plead guilty, 2-12 years.

Leland Prather, plead guilty to house-breaking and larceny, 1 year.

Walter Young and Stobo Garlington, two young negro boys, plead guilty to house-breaking and larceny, having entered the Enterprise National Bank and stolen several articles, and were sentenced to 2 years in the state reformatory at Lexington.

Fletcher Davenport was acquitted of the charge of salony.

The trial of these cases cleared the jail of prisoners, though there are several out on bond.

The following presentment was made by the grand jury: To the Presiding Judge:

We have passed on all bills handed us by the court, except the one of the State vs Thomas Henderson which we herewith return in order that witnesses may appear before us at next term of court. Only one witness named on the bill appeared.

We find that the roads of the county are being worked as well and expeditiously as can be with the money and forces at the command of the supervisor, and that the bridges generally are in good condition.

We find that the supervisor and board of county commissioners have rented a farm from which they have profitably raised a large amount of supplies for support of chain gang force and have thereby saved the county considerable expense. We wish to put on record our commendation of these officers for their services in this regard.

The schools of the county generally have closed a successful year's work. We find that the teachers have taken great interest in supporting the trustees in their efforts to improve the schools. Our trustees have devoted much time to looking after the interests of their respective districts. We are glad to report that petitions for compulsory education are being largely circulated and that many districts have already adopted this system under the law, and we believe that by the next term of this court the majority, if not all of the districts will have adopted this system.

We find that the county's property is well cared for and is in good condition.

The committee appointed to examine the books of the county officers are at work and will be ready to report at the next term of this court.

We wish to thank your honor for the very instructive charge given to us at the opening of this term of the court. We wish more of our citizens could have heard it.

We also extend thanks to the officers and attaches of the court for the courtesies extended us.

Most respectfully submitted,

J. W. Wells, Foreman.

GRANDFATHER CLAUSE NOT CONSTITUTIONAL

Supreme Court of United States So Holds

FORMER CONFEDERATE ANNOUNCED DECISION

Generally Believed that the Court's Ruling will do Much Toward Invalidating So-called "Grandfather" Clauses in Constitutions of Southern States.

Washington, June 21.—The supreme court, in what is considered one of the most important race decisions in history, today annulled as unconstitutional the Oklahoma constitutional amendment and the Annapolis, Md., voters' qualification law restricting the suffrage rights of those who could not vote or whose ancestors could not vote prior to the ratification of the fifteenth amendment to the federal constitution.

Chief Justice White, a native of the South and a former Confederate soldier, announced the court's decision, which was unanimous, except that Justice McReynolds took no part in the case.

By holding that conditions that existed before the fifteenth amendment, which provides that the right to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of race, color or previous condition of servitude, could not be brought over to the present day in disregard of this self executing amendment, it is generally believed that the court went a long way toward invalidating much of the so-called "grandfather clause" in constitutions of Southern States.

The immediate effect of the court's decision was to uphold the conviction of two Oklahoma election officials who denied negroes the right to vote in a congressional election, and to award the Maryland negroes damages from election officials in Annapolis who refused to register them. The court held that the Oklahoma election officials could not ignore the fifteenth amendment in wiping out of State constitutions the word "white" as a qualification for voting. In the Maryland case, the court's decision established the point that the fifteenth amendment applies to municipal as well as to federal elections.

Discussing the Oklahoma case, Chief Justice White said the suffrage amendment to the State constitution first fixed a literacy standard, and then followed it with a provision creating a standard based upon the condition existing on January 1, 1866, prior to the adoption of the fifteenth amendment, and eliminated those coming under that standard from the inclusion in the literacy test.

The court held that this action recreated and perpetuated the very conditions which the fifteenth amendment was intended to destroy.

"It is true," continued the chief justice, "that it contains no express word of an exclusion of any person on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude, but the standard itself inherently brings that result into existence."

"In other words, we seek in vain any other interpretation but that the provision, recurring to the conditions existing before the fifteenth amendment was adopted, proposed to make them the basis of the right to suffrage. And the same result, we are of the opinion, is demonstrated by consideration whether it is possible to discover any basis or reason for the standard thus fixed, other than the purpose above stated."

TO MAKE ADDRESS HERE.

Prominent Woman Prohibitionist Will Lecture in First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Ida Frances Green, representing the Woman's Prohibition League of South Carolina will address the people of Laurens at two meetings here Friday. The first meeting will be held at 4:30 in the afternoon and will be for the women only. In the evening at 8:30 Mrs. Green will again lecture and at this meeting everyone is invited to be present.